Production Plan of ONGC

5496. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is reviewing the production of oil and gas plans;

(b) if so, the foreign exchange required for the execution of the remaining projects envisaged in the Eighth Plan;

(c) the foreign exchange loan tied up with World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japan; and

(d) to what extent, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been able to revive to production plan in view of the foreign exchange crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Production plan are constantly monitored and reviewed.

(b) the 8th Plan is still to be finalised.

(c) The World Bank has approved a loan of US $ 450 million for the Gas Flaring Reduction Project.

(d) ONGC are implementing a number of new oil & gas field development projects, such as Neelam, Mukta & Panna, and are undertaking projects for enhancing oil recovery from the L-II and L-III reservations of Bombay High. ONGC have also proposed the Ravva and Gandhar oil and gas field development projects.

Production of Oil and Gas in Karnataka

5497. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of crude oil and natural gas in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has prepared plans for strengthening the old and new oil wells to improve production;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure involved; and

(d) the results expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GA AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no production of oil /gas in Karnataka.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Rural Electrification in Lalganj, Uttar Pradesh

5498. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for the rural electrification in Lalganj region in Uttar Pradesh has been conducted or proposed to be conducted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c): The Rural Electrification Programmes are formulated and executed by the respective State Electricity Boards. District-wise rural electrification activities are undertaken by the State Electricity Boards according to the priority fixed by the state authorities. The information for village electrification is maintained by State Electricity Boards district-wise. As per the information available, out of a total of 4,939 inhabited villages in Azamgarh District (including Lalganj Parliamentary Constitu-

ency), 4,528 villages have been declared electrified by the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board by the end of March, 1991.

Construction of Additional Sheds at Shahganj Junction, Uttar Pradesh

5499. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of labourers and other passengers at Shahganj station of Uttar Pradesh and capacity of the present waiting room is much less causing inconvenience to the passengers;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to construct additional sheds at station premises;

(c) if so, the time by which the sheds are likely to be constructed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) Adequate waiting facilities, as per prescribed norm, already exist.

[*English*]

Development of Tourist Circuits

5500. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI K.PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose any new scheme to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plan to identify tourist, circuits in the country ; and

(d) the time by which these tourists circuits would be fully developed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Development and promotion of tourism is a continuous process. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments for augmentation of infrastructural facilities based on specific proposal, their merit and inter-se priorities.

The Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments have identified a number of travel circuits for phased development wit the combined resources of the Central, State and private sector.

Arrears of N.T.P.C.

5501. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the details of arrears due to the National Thermal Power Corporation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): A Statement is attached.